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# 2013 Annual Program Report



*CRPR Annual Easter Egg Hunt*

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*Ms. Conway served on the Board through November for a total of 8 years. Mr. Hurley was then elected as Treasurer.*

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# 2013 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- The agency maintained, operated and programmed 915 acres across 54 sites in the Centre Region - including 44 municipal parks, two swimming pools, 3 regional park areas, sportfields at three schools, the Centre Region Senior Center and Millbrook Marsh Nature Center - within the established budget. Three popular “*CRPR Active Guides*” were published in 2013; the two latest issues featured cover photos by CRPR Parks Caretaker Tiffany Barto.
- For the first time, in 2013 the **CRPR.org website** surpassed 1,000,000 webpage views (HTML or PDF files), which continues to demonstrate the high level of community interest in CRPR opportunities.
- The “Centre Regional Recreation Authority / CRPR Board” transitioned to become the “**Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority.**” In addition, CRPR developed a new logo and tagline: “*CRPR - Your Recreation Destination!*”
- The bidding processes were completed for the Phase 1 construction of **Oak Hall Regional Park**. A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on April 25, 2013 and construction is well underway. The new park is expected to fully open in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015, within the approved project budget of \$3,824,528.



- During 2013 the **John Hess Softball Field Complex** hosted over 700 games of softball from leagues and tournaments. After operating in the red for 2011 and 2012, 2013 operating revenue exceeded expenditures by \$919. The growing popularity of the complex, combined with staff efforts, has enabled such progress.

- With the unanimous support of the 5 participating municipalities, the **Park Operations Division** moved to an interim, rented shop site with plans to construct a new facility within two years at the new Whitehall Road Regional Park.

- In spite of a generally cold and damp summer, **Welch and Park Forest Community Swimming Pools** hosted a total of 102,130 visits during the 100-day 2013 swim season. As a result, the pool revenue again covered all operating expenses and also generated \$70,000 towards the annual capital loan repayment.

The vigilance and training of the Pool Staff was exemplified in June when 3 lifeguards successfully rescued and stabilized a senior adult who had suffered a heart attack while swimming laps.

- During 2013 the **Centre Region Senior Center** served 4,014 noontime meals and hosted 19,000 program visits.
- **Millbrook Marsh Nature Center** hosted 11,813 program visits during 2013, plus countless visitors to simply enjoy the facilities there. The 2013 Historic Harvest Festival hosted over 900 attendees, the second largest in nature center history.



## 2013 Annual Program Report

This report represents the team efforts of 6 volunteer Board members and a dedicated professional staff. The Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency provides quality programs and events while maintaining 54 sites encompassing 915 acres in the Centre Region. This charge includes municipal and regional parks, two thriving aquatic facilities, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center and the Centre Region Senior Center.

*(Please note that this report does not include park visitors not participating in a CRPR program or event.)*

<b>AQUATICS - 71 Programs &amp; Events</b>	2012	2013
Youth Swim Lesson Registrations (Indoor & Outdoor)      59 Total Programs	564	651
Adult & Special Program Registrations (Swim Teams, One-on-One Lessons, Diving, Welch Water Walkers, CPR, Lifeguarding, Triathlon)      12 Total Programs	576	692
Season Passes – Welch & Park Forest Pools	5,092	5,002
Outdoor Pool Visits (for recreation, instruction & competition at both pools)	139,828	102,130
<i><b>Total Aquatics</b></i>	146,060	108,475

<b>ADULT SPORTS &amp; FITNESS - 43 Programs &amp; Leagues</b>	2012	2013
League & Program Participants      22 Programs & Leagues (Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Softball, Outdoor Volleyball, Indoor Soccer)	1,891	1,876
Adult Martial Arts Classes	n/a	1
Hess Field Complex - Softball Games      Includes CRPR Leagues plus rentals	744	703
Sport Clubs (Badminton)	703	758
Adult Fitness Class Participants      14 Programs	396	139
Adult Tennis Participants      5 Programs	73	48
<i><b>Total Adult Sports &amp; Fitness</b></i>	3,807	3,525

<b>YOUTH SPORTS &amp; PROGRAMS - 30 Programs &amp; Events</b>	2012	2013
Seasonal Sport Program Participants (Track, Field Hockey, Soccer)      9 Programs	361	304
Rhythmic Gymnastics      2 Programs	26	21
Tennis Classes      9 Programs	174	92
Cross Country Runs      3 Events	158	248
Muck-n-Mess      2 Program	6	20
Afterschool Camp Bill      2 Program	7	16
Hershey's Track and Field	61	40
Pitch, Hit and Run	7	5
Punt, Pass and Kick	43	45
<i><b>Total Youth Sports</b></i>	843	791

<b>SUMMER DAY CAMPS - 13 weeks of camps</b>	2012	2013
Summer Day Camp Participants (includes KidVenture, Wee Kidventure, Martial Arts & Culture Camp, "Camp Bill" Shakespeare Theater Camp)	896	718
<i>Total Camps &amp; Day Trips</i>	896	718

<b>CENTRE REGION SENIOR CENTER</b>	2013	2013
Noontime Meals Served	3,632	4,014
Program Visits	22,667	18,986
Centre County Senior Games (coordinated by CRPR staff) – Participants	260	175
<b>Total Centre Region Senior Center</b>	26,559	23,175

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS &amp; PROGRAMS - 33 Events</b>	2012	2013
Discount Tickets for Amusement Parks & Ski Resorts	1,355	1,502
Sport Pack Rentals	20	18
Adult Clogging Class (2 Programs)	n/a	13
Dance Lesson Participants (# of visits) - Ballroom & Square 6 Programs	1,600	1,249
State College Area Municipal Band (Audience at 4 concerts)	Approx. 1,800	<b>Approx. 1,800</b>
Easter Egg Hunt - Children & Parents	Approx. 800	<b>700+</b>
"Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for Teens" at Millbrook Marsh	80	<b>75</b>
July 3 "Kids on Wheels" Bike Decorating - Children & parents	75	<b>75+</b>
July 4 "Kids on Wheels Parade" - Children & parents	Approx. 300	<b>Approx. 400</b>
Touch-a-Truck Expo - Children & Parents	Approx. 500	<b>Approx. 500</b>
Art-in-the-Parklet Craft Tent (Arts Festival) - Visitors	Approx. 400	<b>Approx. 300</b>
Halloween Costume Parade - Children & Parents	Weather Cancellation	<b>Approx. 1,500</b>
"Dark in the Park" (Dim in the Gym) Storytelling Participants	Approx. 125	<b>85</b>
CRPR Bike-In Movies - 2 summer programs	50	<b>75</b>
Nittany Valley Shakespeare Festival in the Parks - 7 shows over 2 weekends	260	<b>393</b>
Kids' Yard Sale Tables – 2 events	24	<b>31</b>
"CRPR Park Partner/Comcast Cares Day"                      Volunteers	250	<b>111</b>
United Way "Day Of Caring"    Volunteers	95	<b>70</b>
<i>Total Special Events &amp; Programs</i>	7,734	<b>8,901</b>

<b>MILLBROOK MARSH NATURE CENTER - 318 Programs &amp; Events</b>	2012	2013
Program Registrations      83 programs & events offered in 2012; 76 offered in 2013	588	<b>548</b>
Other Program Visits      131 program & events offered in 2012; 129 offered in 2013 (school, daycare and group programs, camps, events and birthday parties)	7,912	<b>8,533</b>
Facility Rentals Visits      103 facility uses 2012; 113 in 2013	3,206	<b>2,732</b>
<b>Total MMNC</b>	11,706	<b>11,813</b>
The nature center hosted 11,813 program visits, a slight increase over 2012. During 2013, the school programs, camps and facility rentals were targeted by staff rather than family programs. While the availability of year-round facility rentals increased the number of bookings, the total numbers of visitors who attended those events was lower. <i>Please see the detailed 2013 Nature Center Report on Page 8.</i>		

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	2012	2013
<b>Registrations &amp; participants</b>	197,605	<b>157,398</b>
<i>This report does not include park visitors not participating in a CRPR program or event.</i>		

<b>FACILITY RESERVATIONS</b>	2011	2012	2013
<b>Pavilion Reservations</b> (Number of groups)	827	815	<b>827</b>
<b>Community Garden Plots</b> at Tom Tudek Memorial Park (CRPR assumed the operations in 2007)	All 108 plots rented	All 108 plots rented	<b>All 110 plots rented</b>
<b>Sportfield Reservations:</b> In 2013, 104 reservation permits were issued for the 36 municipal sportfields, involving a range of durations from single-games (including pavilion groups) to weekend tournaments to season-long reservations.			

<b>WEBSITE STATS <a href="http://www.crpr.org">www.crpr.org</a></b>	2011	2012	2013
Website Hits (includes all webpage components)	3.3 million	3.4 million	4.05 million
Webpage Views (HTML and PDF files)	637,663	608,589	1,085,787
Average Number of Visitors per Day	800	817	875

<b>ACTIVE NET STATS (on-line database)</b>	2012	2013
Total Revenue * ( <i>all funds, including donations and grant funds</i> )	\$1,100,041	<b>\$1,019,354</b>
Program Registrations by customers via the Internet ( <i>net revenue</i> )	\$119,552	<b>\$145,226</b>
* For applicable revenue sources, defined percentages for credit card and Active.Net service fees are deducted per the Authority's contract with the Active.Net database service. No service fees apply to donations or grant funds.		



## CRPR PARK OPERATIONS DIVISION – 2013 TASK SUMMARY

<b>JANUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monitored Slab Cabin Sledding Hill and Blue Spring Ice Rink</li> <li>✓ Provided First Night clean-up and repairs to Friedman Parklet.</li> <li>✓ Off-season equipment and park repairs.</li> <li>✓ Snow removal at Friedman Parklet and nature center.</li> <li>✓ Issued quote requests for park supplies/equipment.</li> <li>✓ Prepared annual park sign order.</li> <li>✓ Pruned trees and shrubs, removed dead trees as needed.</li> <li>✓ 3 Maintenance Staff attend PA State Pesticide Applicator Course and Exam.</li> </ul>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continued equipment repairs.</li> <li>✓ Rehabbed the park entrance signs for 3 municipal parks.</li> <li>✓ Repaired and refinished park benches and picnic tables.</li> <li>✓ Brush Hogged areas, as needed.</li> <li>✓ Submit Soil Tests (weather-permitting).</li> <li>✓ Snow removal as need.</li> <li>✓ Removed staples, tape and tacks from pavilions and tables.</li> <li>✓ Started quotes for minor equipment per 2013 budget.</li> <li>✓ Continued pruning trees.</li> <li>✓ Continued monitoring Slab Cabin and Blue Spring winter activities.</li> <li>✓ Continued quotes for park supplies.</li> <li>✓ Finalize Remembrance Tree quotes and orders.</li> <li>✓ Interviewed and hired seasonal staff.</li> <li>✓ Paint/stain park signs as needed.</li> </ul>
<b>MARCH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Applied lime to sportfield turf as needed.</li> <li>✓ Finished pruning shrubs and trees.</li> <li>✓ Brush and leaf removal from parks.</li> <li>✓ Begin spring parks preparations, snow removal as needed.</li> <li>✓ Hauled compost and prepped Community Gardens.</li> <li>✓ Trucked compost to top-dress sportfields with municipal support.</li> <li>✓ Started opening procedures for Hess Softball Complex.</li> <li>✓ Cut and trimmed ornamental grass at Park Forest pool.</li> <li>✓ Provided maintenance support for the pools.</li> <li>✓ Designed flowerbeds for various municipal park signs.</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Finished equipment repairs.</li> <li>✓ Planted Remembrance Trees.</li> <li>✓ Removed Blue Spring Ice Rink.</li> <li>✓ Installed fitting and valves in bathrooms, turned water on, and set-up drinking fountains.</li> <li>✓ Installed bases on ballfields, started raking infields, added infield mix as needed.</li> <li>✓ Began pavilion posting and new sign installation.</li> <li>✓ Coordinated and supported Park Partner Groups and Comcast Cares Day.</li> <li>✓ Started mowing parks and sportfields, as needed.</li> <li>✓ Maintenance support for special events.</li> <li>✓ Delivered soccer goals for spring season.</li> <li>✓ Completed Hess Field renovations.</li> <li>✓ Pavilion rentals with restrooms and community gardens opened.</li> <li>✓ Worked with SCASD to host high school boys and girls lacrosse practice and games.</li> <li>✓ Initial lining of all sportfields.</li> <li>✓ Prepared for Oak Hall Regional Park Groundbreaking Ceremony.</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Finished drinking fountain set-ups.</li> <li>✓ Fertilized turf at parks and sportfields.</li> <li>✓ Welch and Park Forest Pool maintenance support.</li> <li>✓ Started weed and pre-emergence control to sportfields and other Areas, as needed.</li> <li>✓ Monitored insect control efforts on trees and turf.</li> <li>✓ Staff levels increased for park checks.</li> <li>✓ Checked and added safety surfacing to playgrounds, as needed.</li> </ul>

<b>JUNE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Started irrigation on Sportfields and newly planted trees.</li> <li>✓ Monitor insect control in turf areas.</li> <li>✓ Continued mowing, as needed.</li> <li>✓ Top-dress and over-seed park turf areas.</li> <li>✓ Added safety surfacing to playgrounds.</li> <li>✓ Assist with installation of Kaboom! Playground at Orchard Park.</li> <li>✓ Opened Tudek Phase III facilities.</li> <li>✓ Provided support for softball tournaments at Hess Softball Complex.</li> </ul>
<b>JULY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provided support for CRPR 4<sup>th</sup> of July Special Events and Arts Festival.</li> <li>✓ Continued with turf management.</li> <li>✓ Repaired trails that washed out during summer storms.</li> <li>✓ Continued Playground Safety Surfacing repairs.</li> </ul>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continued support for the Hess Field Softball complex.</li> <li>✓ Continued walkway repairs at Fogleman Fields.</li> <li>✓ Fasick, Autumnwood and Suburban Parks both received new playground equipment upgrades.</li> <li>✓ Assist MMNC staff with the transition of a Beaver Hut display from the Discovery Space.</li> <li>✓ Continued maintenance support for both pools.</li> </ul>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Started sports turf enhancements, aeration and fertilization.</li> <li>✓ Provided support for fall soccer, softball and bocce programs.</li> <li>✓ Assisted with improvements to Autumnwood Park pavilion, drinking fountain and walkways.</li> <li>✓ Repaired the waterline break at Circleville.</li> <li>✓ Provided support for Oak Hall Regional Park construction.</li> </ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Worked with several volunteers groups for Day of Caring and Park Partner events.</li> <li>✓ Provided support for Dark in the Park.</li> <li>✓ Continued supporting leagues (bocce, softball, soccer).</li> <li>✓ Shut down water fountains and closed restrooms.</li> <li>✓ Winterized turf irrigation systems.</li> <li>✓ Cleaned up fall leaves; continue turf maintenance.</li> <li>✓ Provided support for MMNC fall programs.</li> <li>✓ Continued support for Oak Hall Regional Park construction.</li> </ul>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continued fall leaf clean-up.</li> <li>✓ Completed winterization efforts.</li> <li>✓ Removed all recreation equipment for the winter</li> <li>✓ Closed Hess Field Complex for the year.</li> <li>✓ Began relocating to the interim Parks Maintenance Facility on Stewart Drive, College Twp.</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Completed the relocation process to interim Parks Maintenance Facility.</li> <li>✓ Set-up winter sport facilities at Slab Cabin and Blue Spring.</li> <li>✓ Began repairs and preventative maintenance of equipment.</li> <li>✓ Plan 2014 task and project schedules.</li> </ul>

# MILLBROOK MARSH NATURE CENTER

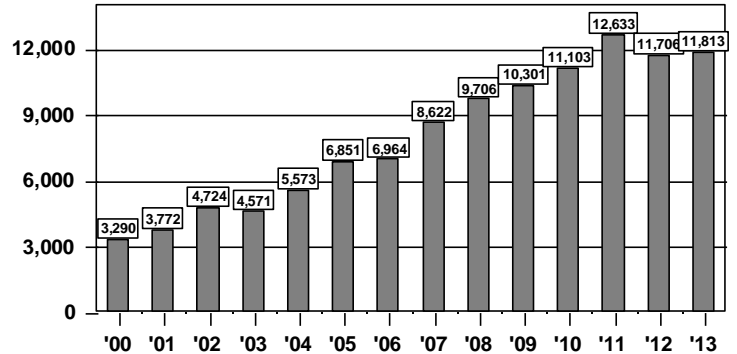
## 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

☼ As of December 31, 2013, Millbrook Marsh hosted **11,813 program visits**, a **1% increase from 2012**, which shows that public offerings held steady.

☼ **This count includes 3,845 visitors from five different school districts** (see table) plus community groups, private schools, charter schools, etc.

☼ **213 volunteers contributed a total of 1,444 hours** during 2013 at a value of \$20,216 @ \$14/hr., which helped to keep staff costs low. This compares to 149 volunteers in 2012.

### MMNC Program Visits



# of Program Visits *	2012	2013
Group Programs (Guided)	3,441	<b>3,845</b>
Camps & Special Event Visits	3,652	<b>4,134</b>
Facility Rental Visitors	2,878	<b>2,488</b>
Birthday Parties	400	<b>451</b>
Marsh Mondays /Wetland Wednesdays	240	<b>257</b>
Knee High Nat /Tyke Hikes/WLab Kids	211	<b>129</b>
Visitors to Hosted Meeting	328	<b>244</b>
Family Programs	137	<b>122</b>
Scout Groups	123	<b>38</b>
Puddle Jumpers (new)	0	<b>40</b>
Off-site Presentations	296	<b>65</b>
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b>11,706</b>	<b>11,813</b>

\* This represents total number of visitors to organized programs including program participants and those who attend with them, such as parents, chaperones, siblings, etc.

\*\* Not including MMNC Community Event displays, which reached an additional 3,300 people during off-site events in 2013.

### 3,845 Group Program Visits by District

Bellefonte Area	17%	State College	55%
Mifflin County	0%	Philipsburg Osceola	3%
Penns Valley Area	7%	Bald Eagle Area	4%
Private & Charter Schools, PSU, etc	14%		

The Connections Grant Program funded 914 children in 2013, plus provided 50% funding for 1462 SCASD students for a total value of \$11,515. (62% of group program visits)

### Revenue by Program / Rental Type

Camps	\$26,004	Program Revenue Total: \$54,206
Family Programs	\$3,500	
Birthday Parties	\$3,345	Projected Program Revenue: \$51,516
Group Programs	\$21,357	
Operational Donations	\$13,026	Projected: \$24,936
Facility Rentals	\$7,787	Projected: \$7,500
Active.Net Service Fees	\$(1,462)	Registration convenience and credit card fees
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,557</b>	

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